

## Richard J. Hill's Weekly Articles

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY  
Matt. 12:1-13

"The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath Day."

(Continued From Last Week)

"Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: In it thou shalt not do any work. Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it."

This Command enjoins idleness on the Sabbath Day of each week. It does not say to cease from ordinary work and engage in Religious work, as many of us advocates seem to suppose. But, on the contrary, it prohibits all kinds of work. Many who think themselves bound by this command, neither rest on the seventh day nor on the first day of the week, which, without orders, they make an effort to keep instead of the seventh day which the Law appointed for those under it. On the contrary, to very many the first day is as busy as any. The ruling under the Law was that any one who even picked up sticks or kindled a fire was a violator of this command, and must be put to death. (Numbers 15:32-35). How many of those who claim to keep this Commandment do far more work in the way of cooking etc. They, their sons, their daughters, their manservants and maidservants? (Exod. 35:3). If that Law is now in force and has been extended beyond the Israelites (on whom alone it was put), so as to include Christians (Followers of Christ) then every Christian violates it repeatedly, and is deserving of death for each offense; for they that violated Moses' Law, died without mercy.—Heb. 10:20.

But though our views on this subject differ widely from those of most Christian people, we are glad that one day of each week is set apart for rest from business, without regard to which of the seven days is thus observed, or by what law or law giver it was originally appointed. We greatly enjoy the day, and think it not only a blessing for those who use it for worship and study, but also for those who use it merely as a day of rest, recreation from toil, to enjoy the beauties of nature, or to visit with their friends and families as they cannot do on other days. And we are especially pleased that the day set apart by the Government under which we live is the first day of the week, because of the same blessed memories and associations which gave that day a special sacredness to the Church in the days of the Apostles.

The Apostles declared that the Jewish Law (which included the Command relative to the Seventh Day) was superseded by the new and more comprehensive law of the New Creation thereafter in operation toward all who accepted Christ. The Apostles used the Seventh Day as a time for preaching Christ, just as they used every day in the week, and especially because on that day the Jews, their most hopeful hearers, met for worship and study. But the Apostles nowhere recognized the Seventh Day Sabbath as a day of rest, as the Jewish Law Covenant had enforced it. On the contrary, they taught (Romans 14:5-8) "That any and all days are acceptable for good works done in the service of God and for the benefit of fellow men."—Matt. 12:10-12.

The Ransom was given for all mankind, but its benefits are applicable only to those who believe. Thus far the believers are only a few compared with the mass of mankind. These have escaped from all condemnation of all broken laws, while, of the remainder, the world in general still continues under the original condemnation, and Jews who have not accepted Christ are still condemned by Moses Law Covenant. "He that believeth is passed (Reckoned) from death unto life (John 5:24) While he that believeth not is condemned already (John 3:18). The whole Race of Mankind was condemned six thousand years ago, and if a Jew, he was additionally bound by the Law Covenant and has not escaped the condemnation that is on the world. (Roman 8:16). The only ones who have escaped his condemnation that has so long been upon all mankind, are referred to by the Apostle Paul (Roman 8:1) "There is, therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

These are the Free Ones: Free from all laws and all penalties, free indeed. "If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:35). This could not possibly apply to any who put themselves under any restraint in keeping the law. But one says, "can it be that God has released these entirely from both the Law given at Eden and the law given at Sinai?" Just so; such ones being justified by the death of Christ and released from their condemnation, and having received His Spirit, which means they are free from all laws so long as the will of Christ is their will and they do His will to the extent of their ability. Under such conditions we

repeat, one is only under the law of love. What is the difference between the law of love and the law of thou shalt and thou shalt not? We might illustrate the operation of the law of love by the action of a mother or father who really loves their child. It is absolutely unnecessary to lay down rules for father or mother as to what they should do for the absolute necessities of the child they love. All they need is to know what is best to do and they gladly do it even at the cost of their lives; but one not being moved by the Spirit of love, it is necessary to lay down rules of thou shalt and thou shalt not. Servants would of necessity be in the class governed by thou shalt and thou shalt not. (The Jewish people was a house of servants under Moses). A Son is supposed to act in his father's business from the standpoint of the highest interest and love for the father and his household, therefore you can readily understand that a son would do all that a servant would do and much more. When Christ came He established the House of Sons and all who come into Christ, through consecration of their Law, "Thou shalt and thou shalt not" but are under the law of love for God and all

salvation, that the days of creation were periods of twenty-four hours, that Christ will appear materially and literally, and that the whole world of mankind has been and now is on trial for life or death everlasting during this Gospel Age, and that death settles the question as to whether one is lost or saved, are among some of the dead flies of error which make Adventist "Gospel Pudding" nauseating to the logical minded and truth hungry person. I admire the zeal with which the Adventists do what they believe is right in many respects, but I do not admire their closing their eyes to the plain logical truth stated by the Apostle and the Lord Jesus Christ concerning many points of vital interest for the salvation of man. I note them to be like many other well meaning persons who are able to quote much scripture but gifted on misinterpretation on not intentionally, of course, but ignorant; but I am very thankful that the God I serve will reward them for all the good they do with good intention; but may it be understood that the highest rewards and blessings in the Kingdom of God will go to those who understand the plans of God and do and teach accordingly (Matt. 23:19). Adventism is not the only "ISM" contaminated with error. Nearly all of the "ISMS" have within their "Gospel Pie" the dead flies of immorality of the soul, Hell-fire, Eternal Torment and the doctrines of the Trinity.

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